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In re Application of:  
Freitag, et al.

Serial No. 09/228,445

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
DIGITAL COMMUNICATION VIA A  
TIME DIVISION MULTIPLEXED  
SERIAL DATA STREAM

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Dear Sir/Madam:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed October 25, 2002 to further highlight reasons why the application is in condition for allowance. Applicant submits the present paper in compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R § 1.116.

### REMARKS

As set forth below, the rejections of claims 1-11 and 14-16 have been responded to, such that no further amendments to claims 1-11 and 14-16 are necessary. Thus, claims 1-11 and 14-16 are currently pending in the case. Further examination and reconsideration of the presently claimed application are respectfully requested.